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SAFE Dedicates a Week to Building CommYOUnity



Family Services. Photo: Safe Credit Union

By Carole Ferguson, SAFE Credit Union

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The challenge: to encourage SAFE Credit Union employees to volunteer to help the Greater Sacramento region during a year to local a time of social distancing.

The solution: the credit union's inaugural Building CommYOUnity Week that provided a mix of inperson and virtual volunteer opportunities.

"As a nonprofit financial cooperative, SAFE understands the importance of supporting the wellbeing of the communities we serve," said Amanda Merz, SAFE Credit Union community and advocacy engagement manager and creator of Building CommYOUnity Week. "SAFE puts a high priority on philanthropy and volunteerism as part

of the credit union mission of people helping people. We donate more than \$400,000 organiza-

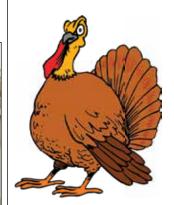
tions working to lift our region and to students through scholarships to help them reach for their dreams. And every staff member at SAFE receives 16 hours of paid time each year to volunteer for the causes they care about."

More than 170 SAFE employees selected from the many socially distanced and remote volunteer opportunities SAFE scheduled to support 11 local nonprofits that align with SAFE's philanthropic pillars of health, education, and current and former military personnel. Activities

included making no-sew blankets for Hands4Hope; writing words of encouragement and journal prompts for City Year; stocking shelves for Placer Food Bank and Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services; writing letters to Snowline Hospice clients; creating Welcome Home kits for Sacramento Self Help Housing; and other projects supporting St. John's Program for Real Change, Wellsprings Women's Center, St. Vincent de Paul, and HOPE Counseling.

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No Turkey for You!



By Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman Liberty Council

It wasn't enough for CA Gov. Gavin Newsom to ban ALL WORSHIP in churches and private homes for much of California. Now he's dictating how people will be allowed to celebrate Thanksgiving the one day each year we set aside to give special thanks to God for our freedom, family and nation.

Now Gov. Newsom wants Californians to keep a "list" of all Thanksgiving celebration attendees' names, addresses and contact information, to be surrendered to the government upon demand.

It is becoming increasingly clear that Gov. Newsom wants to eradicate both faith and freedom. Newsom's unconstitutional lock downs have nothing to do with COVID and everything to do with CONTROL.

CA's Outrageous **Thanksgiving Restrictions**

In addition to Gov. Newsom's unconstitutional orders that discriminate against churches and places of worship, he has now released onerous government restrictions on Thanksgiving gatherings.

The mandatory restrictions for Thanksgiving gatherings include:

- · No more than three households, including hosts and guests.
- · The names and contact information of guests must be recorded so they can be "contact traced."
- Must be held outside.
- No more than two hours. Guests may use restrooms only if they are sanitized between use.
- Six-foot distancing in all directions.
- Everyone should frequently wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer which must, of course, be done outside.
- Food and drink must be in single-serve disposable containers.
- No food or drink on the table other than your plate and cup.
- Masks must be worn and removed only briefly to eat or drink.
- Masks can also be removed for urgent medical needs (an asthma Continued on page 4

Measure M Election Results to Close to Call

By Patrick Larenas

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

- The 2020 election results for the Measure M proposal to levy a 1 cent (1%) tax on the City of Citrus Heights is unknown as of this press time. The final outcome of a very close race is still awaiting what the future of the ordinance will mean for the City's funding.

The tax is expected to provide \$12 million annually in revenue for filling police positions that are open, enhanc- zens... and moving our

repairing city infrastructure such as roads and other lawful municipal purposes.

Councilmember

Jeannie Bruins expressed optimism the day after the election: "There are still many ballots to be counted, but we are hopeful based upon the preliminary vote results of 51% in favor of Measure M." She said that once assured this revenue will be "exclusively for Citrus Heights" and focuses on "meeting the priorities of our citiing homeless services, economy forward."

Jack Frost, President to be an easy victory, of Pro Small Biz CA and and despite spending Executive Director of the Sacramento Taxpayers Association, informed the Citrus Heights Messenger that the "current and projected vote count on Measure M" was trending against the measure and expressed confidence that the remaining ballots would stop the measure. Frost thanked those who supported the campaign.

Also campaigning against Measure M was of Sacramento Taxpayers Association, stating, "The city expected this

ing M have spent a few thousand dollars." Lee added that the City has many other ways to control spending and manage the budget and that "with around half the ballots left to be counted, W. Bruce Lee, President we have good reason to

almost \$50,000 from out-

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voters, the vote is neck

and neck... Those oppos-

be cautiously optimistic that Measure M will be

defeated."

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Not all results are final. Numbers reflect available data at press time. Source: Sacramento County Election website, State of California Election website.

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| President of the United States Donald J Trump (REP) | San Juan Unified School Dist Gov Brd (3) Pam Costa | State Prop 14 – Bonds for Stem Cell Research | State Prop 20 - Restricts Parole, Authorizes Felony Sentences |
| Joe Biden (DEM) 70,244,872 238 | Paula Villescaz30,779 18.74 | | |
| Too close to call. | Saul Hernandez | Yes 5,819,21751.1 | Yes 4,259,578 37.7 |
| Declared winners are all the lawyers. | Melinda Avey | No 5,577,459 48.9 | No |
| U S Representative District 7 | Garrett Brewer | | State Prop 21 - More Govt on |
| Ami Bera (DEM) 116,43761.0 | Riah Skrinnik | State Prop 15 – Taxes on | Rent Control |
| Buzz Patterson(REP) | | Commercial Property | Yes 4,592,383 . 40.2 |
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| U S Representative District 3 John Garamendi (DEM)123,52758.1 | Los Rios Comm College TA-7 Tami Nelson | | 140 |
| Tamika Hamilton(REP) | Scott Schmidt | No 5,991,994 51.7 | 01 1 D 00 E 1 |
| U S Representative District 6 | 35.03 | | State Prop 22 - Exempts Rideshare and Delivery |
| Doris Matsui (DEM) | City of Citrus Heights Council Dist 1 | State Prop 16 – Allow | Drivers |
| Chris Bish (REP) | Bret Daniels | Affirmative Action in Govt | Yes |
| | Nicole Caster | Decisions | No |
| U S Representative District 9 | • | Yes 5,020,657 43.9 | 140 |
| Jerry McNerney (DEM) | | | |
| Antonio C. "Tony" Amador (REP) 59,599 38.4 | City of Citrus Heights Council Dist 3 | No 6,409.405 56.1 | State Prop 23 – Kidney |
| | Tim Schaefer | | <u> </u> |
| | Thomas Goetz | State Prop 17 – Voting | Dialysis State Requirements |
| State Senator District 1 | | Rights for People on Parole | Yes |
| Brian Dahle (REP) | 01 (D 0 L 0 1/0) | Yes | No |
| Pamela Swartz (DEM) | City of Rancho Cordova Council (3) | No 4,732,949 41.0 | |
| State Assembly District 6 | David Sander | , , , | |
| Kevin Kiley (REP) | Siri Pulipati | State Prop 18 - Voting | State Prop 24 – Amends |
| Jackie Smith (DEM) | Robert McGarvey | Rights for 17-year Olds | Comsuner Privacy |
| | Jack Zwald | Yes 5,192,183 41.9 | Yes |
| State Assembly District 8 | Donald Chris8.16 | | No |
| Ken Cooley (DEM)59.7 | | No 6,380,915 55.1 | |
| Cathy Cook (REP)44,60440.3 | | | |
| | Folsom Cord Unified Gov Brd-Area 3 | State Prop 19 - Changes | State Prop 25 - Overturns |
| State Assembly District 9 | Christopher Clark | <u> </u> | <u>-</u> |
| Jim Cooper (DEM) | Larry Leroy Ladd | Property Tax Rules | 2018 Law on Bail System |
| Eric Rigard (REP) | | Yes 5,848,922 51.5 | Yes 5,020,81044.6 |
| Board Of Supervisors District | | No 5,499,454 48.5 | No 6,241,048 55.4 |
| Rich Desmond | Measure M - Citrus Heights | | |
| Gregg Fishman | Sales Tax | | |
| | | A . | A |
| SMUD Director, Ward 5 | Yes9,30950.87 | | |
| Rob Kerth | No | | |
| Fatima Malik44.49 | | | |
| San Juan Water District Director (2) | | | |
| Pam Tobin | Measure R - Rancho Cordova | | _ |
| Kenneth Miller | Transaction Use Tax Measure | | |
| Michael McRae | Yes | | |
| Mitch Dion | | | |
| Mark Onufer | No | | |



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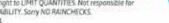








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Building CommYOUnity



SAFE Credit Union employees volunteer at St. John's Program for Real Change. Photo: Safe Credit Union

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The Building CommYOUnity week, held in September, is part of SAFE's expanded service to the community to help meet challenges posed by the pandemic. SAFE donated \$60,000 in emergency grants to four local organizations to assist them with financial losses and additional need for their services due to COVID-19. SAFE also distributed thousands of protective face coverings to area nonprofits to help them safely assist local residents.

SAFE also extended emergency

financial services to its members including no- to low-cost loans and payment deferral options on certain loans and credit cards to help them cope with lost wages during the pandemic.

"SAFE truly cares about our members, their neighbors, and all the communities we serve," Merz said. "I'm pleased that SAFE launched what I expect will become an annual week dedicated to helping our

To learn more about SAFE's grant program, please email grants@safecu.org ★

Veterans Day Event

By Sylvan Cemetery District

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month 1918 – an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War. Since no one knew that there would be a sequel in 20 years, it was known as "the Great War" or the war to end all wars but didn't have a number. Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans. Unlike Memorial Day, it was not intended to just remember those that fell in battle. Instead it was a day to recognize all those men and women that have served over the course of 241 years of this nation's existence. Whether the service was in war time or peace time or in foreign countries or at

home, the Veteran would be recognized on this day. The veteran knows not what the situation will be when they sign the bottom line and raise their right hand and promise to support and defend the constitution. Peace time quickly can become war time.

Every year, Sylvan Cemetery in Citrus Heights honors those that gave that served in the defense of their county. This year the Veterans Day service will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at Sylvan Cemetery, 7401 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights. The ceremony begins at 10:30am with a march through the historical section of the cemetery, stopping briefly at each flag station to read a prayer and salute the flag. The march will conclude at the gazebo where there will be a one-hour ceremony. Folding chairs will be provided for those that want to sit but there will be no mandatory seating arrangements. We would love to have you join but if you are concerned about your health and do not want to attend the Veterans will understand.

Metro Fire Investigates Suspicious Overnight Fire



Sac Metro Fire is investigating the 8252 Auburn Blvd florist shop fire in Citrus Heights. Image: Sac Metro Fire

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By Chris Vestal, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA - Shortly after 12:30 am on October 28, 2020 Metro Fire responded to a fire in a commercial building in the 8200 block of Auburn Boulevard in Citrus Heights. The most extensive fire damage occurred to the exterior of the building, however, there was some extension to the interior. The fire was quickly extinguished and no injuries have been reported.

Based on observations by firefighters at the scene, Metro Fire's on duty Arson Investigator responded as well as the Citrus Heights Police Department. Upon arrival, the Arson Investigator found the cause of this fire to be suspicious, based

on his investigation at the origin of the

A photo of a person of interest at the exterior of the building and two exterior photos of the building are attached; we request anyone who may have been in the area of the incident (Auburn Blvd between Walnut Drive and Twin Oaks Boulevard) near the time of the incident to review these photos and call the Metro Fire Arson Tip Line at (916) 859-3775 if they can assist identifying the person in the photograph or have any other information regarding this fire.

Additional inquiries by credentialed media may be made by contacting the Metro Fire on-duty Public Information



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Social Security Matters

Will My Social Security **Benefits Ever Stop?**



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Has someone who paid into Social Security for most of their life ever lost their benefits later in life? For example, if they start collecting benefits at age 62 and live to be 85 or longer, could they suddenly lose their benefits? Can Social Security ever come along later and say "Sorry, you've used up all your benefits?" I know there are many people, including me, who have no other income or savings, so if their SS suddenly stopped they would need assistance to survive. I started my benefits at age 62 because I had to. I've always been in reasonably good health, so I wonder - what if I live to be 85, 90 or 95 - will I still have enough in the system to get my Social Security check? Signed: *Living on SS*

Dear Living: Please put your fears about losing your Social Security aside - you will never stop receiving your benefits even if you live to be 110 years old. The system isn't designed to compare what you've collected to how much you've contributed. If you meet the basic eligibility requirements, there is no danger of your payments ever stopping because you've "used up all your benefits."

Here's how the Social Security system works: by their employer) up to the Security predicted that the tion.org.



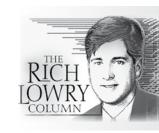
annual payroll tax cap. All those payroll taxes collected are used to pay benefits to all those who are already collecting Social Security the payroll taxes you paid weren't put into a separate account for you. Essentially, the system is "pay as you go," where everyone who works and earns pays for those already receiving benefits. So, the benefits you are now receiving are not being deducted from a personal account in your name. Everyone currently working and contributing to Social Security helps pay for your benefits, as well as benefits for everyone else already collecting. Any money left over after all benefits are paid are invested in special issue government bonds, which are held in the Social Security Trust Funds, earning interest which accrues into the Trust Funds. Money from income taxes on Social Security also contributes to SS revenue to pay for benefits. As of the end of 2019, Funds held about \$2.9 trillion in assets, reserved to cover any shortage of SS income received vs. benefits paid out.

You may have read about Social Security facing future financial difficulties. That is primarily a result of the declining ratio of workers to beneficiaries and increasing life expectancy (average longevity for SS recipients today is mid-80s). Starting this year, the reserves in the Trust Funds will be used Everyone who works pays to cover any income short-

SS Trust Funds assets are sufficient to pay full benefits until about 2035 (the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will surely worsen that prediction). But even if Congress fails to act to resolve the issue and the Trust Funds run dry in the future, your benefits will still continue. If the Trust Funds run dry, however, your benefit would be reduced (not

eliminated). If the Trust Funds are fully depleted, Social Security can only pay out as much as the income received, which would mean a benefit reduction of about 21%, according to current predictions. Sadly, Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial issues - what's lacking is the bipartisan cooperation needed to accomplish it. Personally, I do not believe that Congress will ever allow the Trust Funds to run dry, requiring a cut in benefits (it would be political suicide to do so). Given the vitriol permeating Congress today we'll probably need to wait a while for a solution, but one will eventually come. In any case, please rest assured that your Social Security benefits will never stop, no matter how old you get. You can't "use up all your benefits."

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Joe Biden Is Targeting a Great U.S. Industry

Joe Biden wants to take one of the great American success stories of the past several decades and drive it into the ground.

He would turn his back on the stupendous wealth represented by proven reserves of oil and gas in this country.

Rather than focusing on producing cheap, abundant energy – a key ingredient to human progress through all of human history – he'd embark on the fool's errand of trying to adjust the world's thermostat 80 years from now.

After a 50-year effort to diminish our reliance on Middle Eastern oil, which has miraculously happened at last, Biden would force the U.S. to transition to solar and wind, industries currently dependent on Chinese supply chains.

Whereas California has embraced the radical goal of a carbon-free electric grid by 2045 (and has drastically increased the price of energy in the state already), Biden has seen and raised the Golden State

by embracing a goal of 2035. All this was underlined by Biden's statement at the end of the last debate that he wants to transition from oil.

It's a funny time to want to kneecap oil and gas. Proven reserves of natural gas in the U.S. are higher than ever before, thanks to American-made technological innovations. A couple of years ago the U.S. surpassed Russia and Saudi Arabia in crude oil production. In recent years, petroleum and natural gas exports have been increasing. And, of course, the rise of natural gas has cut U.S. carbon emissions.

This should be considered a national strength to be built on, not a national shame to be put on a glide path to extinction. Fossil fuels are a tremendously useful source of energy, and no hype about renewables can obscure that reality.

In 2019, petroleum, natural gas and coal accounted for 80% of overall energy consumption in the United States, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Renewables made up only 11%, and the bulk of that came from biomass (wood and biofuels) and hydroelectric. Despite being heavily subsidized, wind and solar, combined, were responsible for only about a third of our renewable energy.

The oil and gas industry should also be prized as a source of good American jobs. Earnings range from about \$137,000 a year for petroleum engineers to roustabouts at \$44,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The idea that we are going to transition to wind and solar painlessly is a fantasy. Germany has been spending tens of billions of dollars a year trying to make this happen. Its renewable energy program has doubled the cost of energy, while fossil fuels still account for about 80% of its energy supply.

If we think eschewing fossil fuels is going to convince other countries to do the same, we are fooling ourselves. Like in the United States, the industrial takeoff in China coincided with a jump in the use of coal. China is still building coal plants at a furious clip, and its already prodigious use of coal accounts for more than half of the world's total, according The Institute for Energy Research.

The Biden plan is an assault on American ingenuity and wealth, not to mention common sense. Now no one can say he wasn't warned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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No Turkey for You!

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inhaler, medication or light-headedness). ·Singing, chanting and shouting are strongly discouraged, but if they occur, a face covering must be worn. And the singing should be quiet.

•Instrumental music is allowed but no wind instruments.

For some families, Thanksgiving will not include grandma and the children or siblings due to the three-family limitation. Imagine family members traveling for hours only to be restricted to a twohour outdoor gathering without physical contact! What if it's hot or rains? Under these rules, the host must bear the weight of the entire meal because family cannot be inside to help.

For Gov. Newsom to think he has authority to micromanage a private family Thanksgiving dinner is the height of hubris. These restrictions are ludicrous.

Liberty Counsel is suing Gov. Newsom, who has banned ALL WORSHIP in much of California, on behalf of over 165 client churches. Our case is pending at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. We have asked for the entire panel of judges to hear the case.

The court has now ordered Newsom to respond.

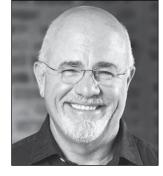
Pastor Ché Ahn, Harvest Rock Church, the staff and parishioners face daily criminal threats and huge fines every time they enter the church. Each criminal charge carries up to one year in prison. It is shocking to read the letter from the Pasadena Criminal Prosecutor to Pastor Ahn.

That pastors and Christians would face prison and fines for attending church sounds like something from North Korea. Yet, discrimination has now crossed over to persecution right here in America!

I frequently pray for our brothers and sisters who face criminal threats and fines for attending church, and even conducting Bible studies and worship in their private homes. California is not the only state in which this outrageous assault on the church and freedom to worship is occurring.

The fight for religious liberty is reaching new extremes. California's absurd worship and Thanksgiving restrictions are an example of how extreme the illegal, unconstitutional edicts from power-mad governors have become.

For more information see LC.org



Taking the Dread Out of Budgeting

Dear Dave,

I've been trying to get my sister and her husband on your plan, but they're hesitant to try living on a budget. They make good money, and both of them think doing a budget every month would be too difficult and take too much time. Do you have any suggestions I could pass along that might make them realize that making a budget isn't so hard or time consuming?

Believe me, I hear those

-Kelsey Dear Kelsey,

excuses all the time. In most cases, the people who say these kinds of stand what a budget is, or together. If you've followed my advice, you learned first-hand that budgeting isn't scary once you get the hang of it. Household budgets don't need to be about

hours of tedious math and

complicated formulas. Like

most things in life, simple is

usually best.

Dave Ramsey Says

team effort. It's important to make sure your spouse is on board, and knows what's up with the budget, because you're just asking for problems when one spouse is doing all the planning and the other is doing all the spending.

Sit down together for a few minutes, once a month, and have a budget meeting where you look at your income, your outgo, and you both give every dollar a name and a job to do. It's really that simple. Share your ideas, your hopes, and your dreams for the future, as well as the fears you have. The important thing is that you're both in agreement and working together. That alone will make your lives, your budget, and your

money easier to handle. things don't really under- cut up all your credit cards and closed the accounts. No how to efficiently put one more credit cards means fewer bills to add to the budget, fewer complications, and zero worries about fees and interest rates. Stick to using a debit card and cash. After all, they're both part of the plan!

> Making a schedule for budget meetings and bill payments is a good idea, Solutions.

A good way to simplify too. You can even make budgeting, especially for your budget meetings a couples, is by making it a fun time by including your favorite snacks. Set up auto drafts out of your checking account to pay bills, and buy your groceries on a set day every week or twice a month. When you know what to expect and when, it takes a lot of stress and potential pitfalls out of the budgeting picture.

> There's always some work and discipline that goes along with gaining control of your money. But a budget doesn't need to be torture. A little planning, communication, and some basic math will go a long way – and it won't be nearly as time consuming, or as difficult, as you think! -Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national bestselling author, personal finance expert, and host of Also, make sure you have The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey





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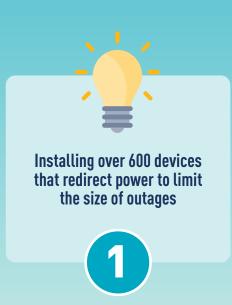
How PG&E is improving Public Safety Power Shutoffs in 2020.



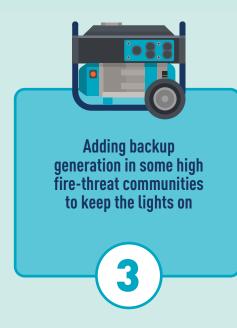
Smaller, shorter, smarter.

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PG&E is working to make PSPS events smaller, shorter and smarter, by:













To learn more ways to prepare for a Public Safety Power Shutoff, visit safetyactioncenter.pge.com

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The Alleged Warrant For My Arrest

By Rev. James L. Snyder

This past week was one of the best weeks I've had in a long time. I got everything completed, as well as some overdue projects.

There's no feeling quite like the feeling of having accomplished your goals for the week. As far as I was concerned, this called for an Apple fritter celebration. Just keep this between us and don't let you-knowwho hear.

When I walked into the house, I was met by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and I noticed a rather serious look on her face. I thought maybe she had a bad day, and I was not going to let her bad day influence my good day.

So I said, "Hello, my dear. How has your day been?"

"What have you been up to?" She said as serious as I've ever heard her.

"Listen to this phone message."

She picked up the phone, pressed the button and I heard the message.

"This is a Social Security Officer letting you know that a warrant for your arrest has been established. They will be at your home tomorrow around 4 o'clock to facilitate the warrant unless you call this number."

I was speechless, which just doesn't exist. is not unusual for me. Then my wife said, "Do you want to tell me what this is all about?"

It's not enough that I'm in trouble with a Social Security Officer, but I'm also in trouble with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. To be truthful about this, I'd rather be in trouble with a Social Security Officer. But I have to take my trouble one step at a time.

I did not know what to say to my wife. I never heard of a Social Security Officer or what they do. Why would the Social Security come after me? I'm certainly not going to call that number.

"Are you keeping something from me?" My wife queried.

I did not know how to answer because I have never found how to keep anything from her as long as I have been married. She knows what I'm doing three weeks before I'm actually doing it. How could I keep anything from her?

We sat in the living room and tried to figure out what kind of trouble would necessitate an arrest warrant. We couldn't come up with anything. And believe me, if my wife can't come up with the definition of trouble, it

Believe me, the next afternoon, we were very nervous, not knowing what to do. But the afternoon led into the evening, and then we went to bed.

That was four weeks ago. I have not received any more phone calls. No Social Security Officer has shown up at my door with a warrant for my arrest.

As it turns out, those four weeks of nervous anticipation were a complete waste. As far as we can understand, it must've been a scam to rattle our cage. We were careful for nothing at all.

The other night as I was thinking of this, a verse of Scripture came to mind. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (I John 4:18).

I have a choice that I can surrender my fear for love. That love that only God can

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By Pastor Ray Dare

King Solomon wrote about it, the Rolling Stones sang about it and people everywhere are seeking it but can't get no satisfaction! What is the secret to happiness in life? Where can I find satisfaction? That question was asked to thousands of Americans in a national poll, "What would it take to make you happy?" Their answer? Money, sex, things, friendships, being in love, getting married, having kids, finding a better job, retiring, graduating, success, power, recognition. Now is there anything wrong with any of those things? No. The only problem is, they do not ultimately satisfy you.

Popular opinion's idea of happiness is based on having the right circumstances. When I make more money, when I pay off bills, when I get a new job, or house, or car. It is circumstantial happiness. And it's no wonder there are so many stress-out, over-worked, dissatisfied

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

What Really Satisfies

people in our society. God says, "You're looking in all the wrong places!"

God says, "Why spend your money on something that is not real food? Why work for something that doesn't really satisfy you? Listen closely to me, and you will eat what is good; your soul will enjoy the rich food that satisfies." Isa. 55:2 The first step is to realize what you are really hungry for. Most people really don't understand what's missing. However, the Bible says that we were created spiritual beings; God made you to love you and for you love Him back and nothing will ever take the place of that, nothing.

When you were born God created you with a physical appetite to keep you alive. If you didn't have an appetite you would just waste away, because you'd never know your need for food. God gave you a physical appetite to fulfill your physical needs. But not only has God given you a physical appetite, God has also given you a spiritual appetite. Why? He's given you a spiritual appetite so you would get to know Him. And nothing else will truly satisfy that hunger. No situation, no person, no circumstance, no event. Nothing else will satisfy that spiritual hunger. Money won't, fame won't, sex won't, prestige or power won't, and drugs or alcohol won't. None of those things will ultimately satisfy you. They can't, because it's a spiritual hunger.

That void inside, that hunger, that emptiness, that feeling that something is missing in your life; what's missing is God. Only a relationship with God through Jesus Christ can ultimately fill that void because that's why you were created in the first place. That's why Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry again." Jn. 6:35a (NLT)

Always remember you were made for more than this life can offer. You were made by God and for God and until you understand that nothing in this world will satisfy you.

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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, **Christian Author**

My now 50 years walking with the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior I have observed the many views of various denominations concerning God's Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Whenever there is something that divides people of God in various Christian churches it has been a "deep concern" to me. In my heart I know and believe it never should happen!

first became my concern to me, I began to study the Scriptures more closely. I decided that what-ever God spoke to me through His Word spoke to me, I would believe and ask God's Spirit to help me to

understand. When I first learned about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, a Sister in Christ and I would talk on the telephone. We discussed about the stand some people in the church evidently held. Also, we shared our questions and understanding about what we witnessed regarding this teaching and what the Words of God clearly stated in the Bible.

We both decided that whatever God's Word and appreciating this gift stated was TRUTH and those words would be our final authority! We ceased His gift given to me and

Baptism Of The Holy Spirit Of God

and remained the very best tongue has blessed our of friends all these years. lives. Even as special and Now over 40 years and living hundreds of miles apart we still keep in touch.

Then, God did a sovereign work in both of us as we came under con- His gift in my private perviction to what the Holy sonal prayer time with the Word of God was saying to us. I knelt in prayer and completely surrendered myself to God (just as this Scripture states in Romans 12:1-2) I accepted His perfect will for my life to do what-ever God desired to happen. When I prayed and sensed His presence

like I had never felt before. While sitting quietly I admit that when this in prayer, all of a sudden strange words flowed from my belly and flowed through my mouth as though bypassing my brain. It was so surprising to me! I was so amazed I purposely cut off the flow. I really wasn't sure what had happened!

A few days later, Questioning if it was real, I sought counsel from a young minister who I knew understood! After prayer with him, he told me it certainly was the Baptism of the Holy Spirit! He counseled me! He said "just let it happen when I was in my personal prayer closet." God will reveal more to me as I am obedient to follow His instructions.

All after these years I believe the Lord now desires me to share about

meaningful this gift from God has been for me I have been very careful to only reveal it to a very few people. I only used Lord even though I know He often uses this gift in Pentecostal churches. In a church, there must be an interpreter.

Today, I believe and understand because God blessed me with this gift, I was able to pray in the Spirit over many things that needed power to be changed in my life. They were happenings that needed changes and were extremely important and yet painfully disturbing to me! Praying in the Spirit God gave my prayers power to get through troubles in my early Christian life. God answered so many of my prayers, healed, transformed, delivered, gifted and changed

those problems. My life is an openbook! I am a grateful child of His – every single day of my life. His Name is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty King, Savior and Lord of my life. To God Be the Glory!

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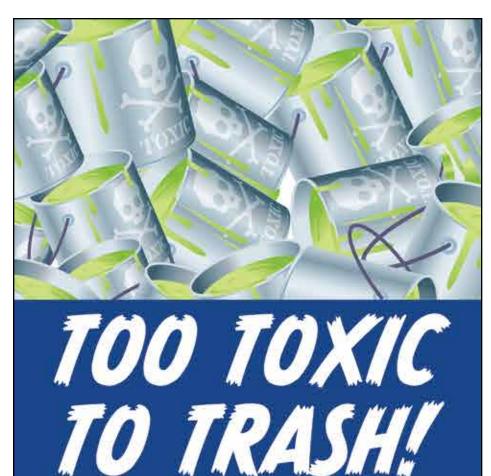
the 2021-22 school year. All interested 5th and 6th grade students will need to apply in order to be tested for possible qualification, according to the Office of Advanced and Accelerated Programs.

Please note that all applicants must meet stage 1 eligibility requirements to be tested. For more information on placement timelines and placement pathways, please visit www.sanjuan.edu/ib. The application will be available on-line starting Oct. 1 and will close on Nov. 15. The application will be available at www.sanjuan.edu/ibapp.

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Hidden Habits of Geniuses

it or not, you don't have to be born one. That from Professor Craig Wright, the creator of Yale University's popular genius course where he shares stories of history's achievers and explores the fourteen key traits of genius in "The Hidden Traits of Genius" unlocking the secrets of genius. Here's a sample.

- 1. WORK ETHIC. Why IQ scores and Ivy League educations are greatly overrated, and hard work is underrated. Natural talent versus hard work is not a binary opposition. Genius is both the product of both nature and nurture.
- 2. RESILIENCE. Women and minority geniuses have historically needed an extra dose of resilience for their achievements to be recognized. Wright unpacks why hidden cultural biases against women in particular are so difficult to discard, and how we can openly challenge these biases to defeat them.
- 3. ORIGINLAITY. No matter how "gifted" your children are, you do them no favors by treating them like prodigies, who tend not to fulfill expectations.
- 4. **CHILDLIKE IMAGINATION**. If we value creativity and openness to unexpected solutions, as geniuses do, the least helpful thing we can say to our children, or to ourselves, is "Grow up!"
- 5. **INSATIABLE CURIOSITY.** Beyond the obvious acts of reading and taking a class to stoke your lust for learning, try something less apparent like getting lost while wandering in a new city, or asking questions frequently and then actually listening to the answer.
- 6. PASSION. Passion is essential to happiness and human progress. You'll have a happier and probably longer life.

- Would you like to be a genius? Believe 7. CREATIVE MALADJUSTMENT. There is a correlation between genius and mental disorder. Rather than stigmatizing or medicating neurological differences, let's learn to embrace them and leverage them to our advantage.
 - 8. REBELLIOUSNESS. Without rebellion against the status quo, there is no genius. Want to raise a bold, original thinker? Permit your children to explore alone, take risks, and experience failure.
 - 9. CROSS-BORDER THINKING. Geniuses teach us not to specialize too soon or too strictly, in school or on the job. Steve Jobs said, "It's technology married with liberal arts, married with humanities, that yields the results that make our hearts sing."
 - 10. **CONTRARION ACTION.** The more a person can exploit the contradictions of life, the greater his or her potential for genius.
 - 11. PREPARATION. Talent is important, but just as important are favorable circumstances, or luck. And luck favors the prepared. Legendary golfer Gary Player said, "The harder I practice, the luckier I get."
 - 12. OBSESSION. Geniuses are obsessed with their personal quest to change the world, often to the detriment of others and many great minds turn out to be not-so-great human beings.
 - 13. **RELAXATION.** The great way to have a brilliant insight is to engage in creative relaxation...go for a walk, take a shower, or get a good night's sleep with pen and paper by the bed.
 - 14. **CONCENTRATION.** To be more productive, adopt a daily ritual for work. All geniuses do.

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Does More Money Mean Better Schools?



By Dan Walters **CALMatters**

It's by no means certain that California voters will pass Proposition 15, but if they do, it would be the largest tax increase in the state's

That said, it would provide a relatively small down payment on the long-standing desire of the state's educational establishment for a massive increase in spending that's needed, advocates say, to improve California's rather dismal K-12 educational outcomes.

Proposition 15, largely sponsored by the California Teachers Association and other public employee unions, would increase property taxes on some comoffice buildings and hotels, by requiring their taxable values to be upgraded more often. Estimates of its effects vary somewhat, but generally are in the \$10 billion to \$12 billion per year range, with schools getting about 40% of the proceeds.

Those are big numbers, but the few billion extra dollars that would flow to schools are a fraction of the \$25 billion to \$30 billion more per year that unions and other educational groups have been touting. The increase is needed, they say, to make

a real difference in aca- high tax revenues?" demic test scores, high school graduation rates and other measures of academic attainment.

The number derives from a 2018 report from a multiuniversity team of academic researchers saying that California should spend 38% more, or about \$4,000 per pupil per year, to raise overall achievement and close the "achievement gap" that separates poor and/or English-learner students from their more advantaged peers.

The 2018 report and much other academic drumbeating for higher education spending comes from Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), a consortium of the state's major university schools of education.

As the campaign over Proposition 15 – basically a duel between public worker unions and business interests – entered its final stages. PACE issued another report to reinforce its advocacy for a big increase in school financing.

Its core is a series of charts mercial real estate, such as comparing education spending in California to that of other major states and tracing what it says is a relative decline in California's commitment to schools.

Citing the global size of California's economy, the report laments that "California school funding – even before COVID-19 - was insufficient to meet educational goals and address the needs of students, particularly given the state's high cost of living. How can that be true? Why is education funding so low in California, despite its wealth and comparatively

The report's charts appear to be accurate as far as they go. But they don't go far enough because they are confined to financial comparisons on the questionable assumption, also reflected in the 2018 study, that money automatically equates to educational achievement.

If PACE and other advocates of big increases in school spending were intellectually honest, they would not only compare spending levels to other states, but also compare how well they are faring vis-à-vis California in national academic testing results and other measures of attainment.

New York, for instance, is spending at least 50% more per pupil than California but its scores on the last batch of National Assessment of Educational Progress tests were virtually identical to California's - both being subpar. Meanwhile, many states that spend much less than California routinely score higher.

Regardless of Proposition 15's outcome, the neverending debate on California education will continue, but it should be a debate about more than money. Some of the academic resources being devoted to persuading Californians to raise taxes for schools should be spent on exploring why outcomes elsewhere bear little or no relationship to how much money other states are spending.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers



By Noah Howard

One of the longest running series in video games, Assassin's Creed has always prided itself on its diversity of settings and protagonists. The series has created big-budget games that star a Native American man, an African American woman, and an Egyptian man, and fans of the series have consistently called for more of this type of representation that is woefully absent in most major video games. Assassin's Creed, as a franchise, has more potential to explore diverse stories than most other series, as the games are mostly-independent works of historical fiction that take place anywhere and anytime in human history.

But as I near the end of my playthrough of the beautiful and thrilling Assassin's Creed Origins (set in ancient Egypt), I'm forced to reflect on a major barrier for diversity in the series as it goes forward: I don't really know what's going on.

Part of the appeal of the Assassin's Creed franchise is the ability for the protagonist to become involved in recognizable historical events alongside famous names from history. Origins does not disappoint in that regard, choosing to set its events during the tumultuous decline of Egypt's Ptolemaic dynasty. But though I recognize key names like Cleopatra and Caesar, as I play the game

Game Plots

History and Diversity in Assassin's Creed

I realize that my images of these characters are more informed by Shakespeare than by actual history. My grasp on the history of Egypt is tenuous at best.

Contrast this with my experience playing Assassin's Creed III, a game set during the American Revolution. I battled with American rebels on Bunker Hill, I threw tea into the harbor during the Boston Tea Party, and I shivered alongside decrepit soldiers at Valley Forge. My familiarity with the history of the setting made my experience infi-

nitely more valuable. But this creates a problem for Ubisfot, the developers of Assassin's Creed. The games are made for a Western market, and Westerners (like myself) are often unfamiliar with many periods in history outside the West. Fans have been clamoring for a major Assassin's Creed game set in China or India, but if one came along, it would face an audience largely ignorant of the historical significance of the events and people those games would try to recreate. As a result of what stories are told in our education system, the primary market for Assassin's Creed games remains clueless of many beautiful, epic settings throughout history that would make for incredible

As a result, the newest game in the series (releasing in just a few weeks) is the umpteenth entry based somewhere in Europe,

experiences.

where the majority of people who play the game are more likely to feel familiar with the setting and time period. This leaves Ubisfot with a conundrum: do they take it upon themselves to fill the gaps in education to help us enjoy more diverse settings and stories?

The answer, perhaps, is that they already have. Though Assassin's Creed Origins doesn't do a great job of catching me up with its historical context, further games could surely do better. And despite this failing, as a result of the game I took it upon myself to research for myself what was going on, learning Egyptian history in the process that I never otherwise would have touched. Additionally, Assassin's Creed games have begun to include "Discovery Tour" modes that convert their worlds into interactive history lessons rather than festivals of blood and violence. These modes recognize that, apart from simply being fun, these games have the potential to fill gaps in our historical education in important wavs.

Combined, these efforts may be sufficient to inform ignorant players like myself. If Ubisoft keeps up this trend of placing a value on communicating historical context within their games, I hope that they can find a Western audience for more settings outside the West. If so, I hope to enjoy more exploring and learning come the next entry in the series. \star

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U.S. Loses \$19 Billion in Afghanistan Reconstruction Funds to Fraud, Waste, Abuse | 29 Oct 2020 | A staggering \$19 billion spent by the U.S. government to reconstruct Afghanistan has been lost to fraud, waste, and abuse in the last decade and that only includes a portion of the money allocated by Congress for the cause. In 90% of the cases examined in a new federal audit, the money was blown "carelessly, extravagantly, or to no purpose." This month the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) published a troubling report that analyzes less than half of the U.S. budget for the initiative, \$63 billion in projects. As of December 2019, Congress has appropriated \$134 billion for Afghanistan reconstruction, which began roughly a year after the U.S. invaded the Islamic nation to destroy Al-Qaeda [al-CIAduh] and eradicate the Taliban. Afghanistan reconstruction has been a huge and well-chronicled debacle that continues fleecing American taxpayers nearly two decades after its inception.

FBI conducting criminal investigation into Hunter Biden and associates days ahead of 2020 election - report | 29 Oct 2020 | The FBI reportedly has an active criminal investigation into Hunter Biden, the son of Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, and his associates. James Rosen, a reporter with the Sinclair Broadcast Group, tweeted on Thursday, less than a week until Election Day, that the bureau opened the inquiry into allegations of money laundering in 2019. "EXCLUSIVE: A @TheJusticeDept official confirms that in 2019, the @FBI opened up a criminal investigation into 'Hunter Biden and his associates,' focused on allegations of moneylaundering, and that it remains open and active today," he said. Rosen followed up by posting a short TV report to his Twitter account.

'They literally stole my vote': Investigation underway after voters claim they received ballots that were filled out in Fayette County | 30 Oct 2020 | (Fayette County, PA) Fayette County prosecutors are investigating reports of at least four incidents of voter fraud, according to Fayette County District Attorney Rich Bower. Bower said two voters received mail-in ballots that were already filled out and two ballots were found at the election bureau already opened. "The secrecy envelope was missing and the ballot was missing out of those envelopes," said Bower. Bower said the ballots that were already filled out and arrived at homes 40 miles apart, which he says means they are not isolated incidents. "They literally stole my vote," said Delmas Fike. Fike said when his mail-in ballot arrived, each Democrat was already selected.

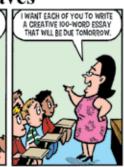
Judicial Watch finds 1.8 million 'ghost voters' in 29 states, warns of 'dirty elections' | 20 Oct 2020 | Judicial Watch has released a comparison study of Census Bureau population statistics and state voter registration data to reveal a notable disparity. The watch dog group is now warning of potential voter fraud and "dirty" voter rolls. The study found that 352 U.S. counties in 29 states managed to have 1.8 million more registered voters than eligible voting-age citizens. "In other words, the registration rates of those counties exceeded 100% of eligible voters. The study found eight states showing state-wide registration rates exceeding 100%: Alaska, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont," reported Tom Fitton, president of the watchdog group. Some of that excess ran as high as 187% in Texas, 177% in New Mexico and 171% in South Dakota.

Wisconsin GOP says hackers stole \$2.3M from Trump reelection fund –The party noticed the suspicious activity on Oct. 22. | 29 Oct 2020 | Hackers stole \$2.3 million from the Wisconsin Republican Party's account that was being used to help reelect President Donald Trump in the key battleground state, the party's chairman told The Associated Press on Thursday. The party noticed the suspicious activity on Oct. 22 and contacted the FBI on Friday, said Republican Party Chairman Andrew Hitt. Hitt said the FBI is investigating. Hitt said the hackers were able to manipulate invoices from four vendors who were being paid to send out direct mail for Trump's reelection efforts and to provide pro-Trump material such as hats that could be handed out to supporters. *

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WHAT'S ALL THE PALLETS, TINKER?

by Mike Marland

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INSTEAD OF FIREWOOD

THIS WINTER, TINKER.



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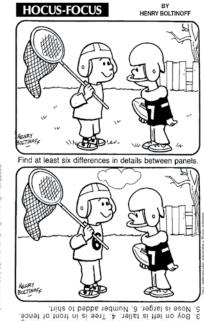
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1. Roman goddess of plenty 2. *It's just as unpleasant as a hard

3. Sunburn soother

4. Fertilizer ingredient

5. Luke's teaching, e.g.

8. *Cowards are sometimes com-

12. Saloon selections

15. Perennial garden flower 20. Signs for escape 22. Post-Soviet Union alliance, acr.

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29. Gabrielle Chanel's nickname 31. *Keep it clean to stay out of

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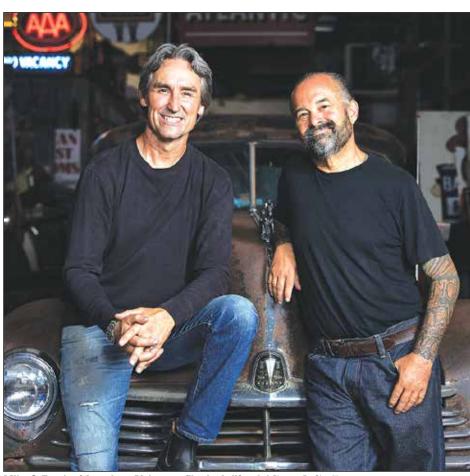
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AMERICAN PICKERS to Film in California



Mike & Frank of American Pickers to film in California! Photos: By Cineflix

By Kourtney Myers, Cineflix

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Texas! They plan to film episodes of the hit series American Pickers throughout your area in December.

with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times. We at American Pickers are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by the state and CDC. While we plan to be in California this December, we will continue to re-schedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking!

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they We understand that hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. AMERICAN PICKERS is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. facebook: @GotAPick

Sacramento County Streamlines COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Sacramento County **Public Information Office**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Public Health is making the COVID-19 case investigation process more efficient by launching a new solution to streamline its COVID-19 contact tracing. The new program powered by Qualtrics allows the department to contact individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and anonymously notify those they have been in contact with

about exposure to the virus. Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 can confidentially share information about individuals they have had contact with and locations they have visited through the new and easy to use platform.

Data collected is then used to automate the process to notify impacted individuals by email or text that they may have been exposed and the next steps to take to maintain safety while also maintaining individual confidentiality. All data from the health assessment and contact potentially been exposed tracing process are compliant with Federal, State ment should only take 5-10 and local privacy laws. The solution does not employ automatic location tracking technology.

Sacramento County Health Officer Dr. Olivia Kasirye said, "We are excited to start implementing this new platform, the quicker confirmed cases can begin isolating, the better we will be at preventing outbreaks in Sacramento County."

Personal health information from positive cases will not be shared with contacts



Sacramento County Public Health is making the COVID-19 case investigation process more efficient. Photo by Eugene Chystiakov, Unsplash

at any time, and the tracing portion of the online program is opt-in, however, those who do not respond will still receive a phone call from a contact tracing investigator.

Below is an example of the contact tracing email Sacramento County Public Health will send:

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visit the Sacramento County COVID-19 webpage.

The questionnaire will be sent as an email or text and the COVID-19 case investigators and contact tracers will have the option to contact individuals directly when appropriate, such as cases involving congregate facilities or for specific follow-up to certain responses provided in the automated questionnaire.

The custom-built solution and three years of support services will cost \$1.6 M and is anticipated to save money over time with the reduction in the number of investigators/ tracers positions that would be needed. Sacramento County is also exploring possible add-ons of creating a portal for schools and businesses to submit contacts into the system and an automated system for referring some respondents to wrap-around services.

Find more about the County's response to COVID-19, by visiting Sacramento County's COVID-19 webpage. www. saccounty.net/COVID-19/ Pages/default.aspx

Crime Reports

Citrus Heights Police Report October 31th

October 27th

10/27/2020 • Time: 12:37 AM • IR Number: 12008823

Crime: 211 PC: Robbery

Location Type: House (Includes Driveway) • Public Address: 76xx San Simeon Dr.

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Crime: 451(D) PC: Arson: Property

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Crime: 484(A) PC: Petty Theft

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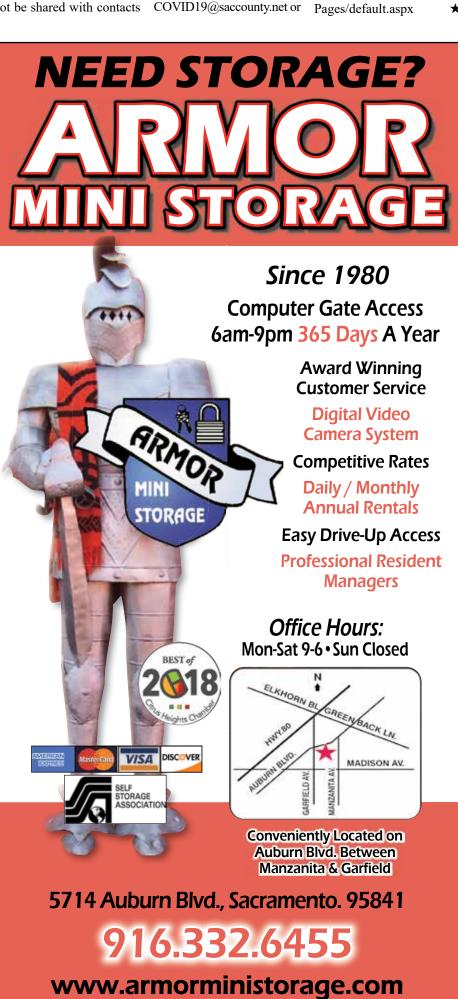
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